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## **Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority**

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**Subject: SAFER AT HOME**

The novel coronavirus pandemic is a global emergency that is unprecedented in modern history. Profoundly impacting our daily lives, it has inspired Angelenos to respond with courage, compassion, wisdom and resolve to overcome this crisis and help each other.

In a short period of time and at an unprecedented scale, residents in every community have embraced urgent social distancing best practices and aggressive hygienic precaution, not just to protect themselves, but to protect others. Angelenos understand with exceptional clarity that there is only one way to get through this difficult moment: together.

The City's recent emergency orders — curtailing large public gatherings; temporarily closing many government facilities; closing theaters, bars and entertainment venues; prohibiting restaurants from serving to dine-in customers while permitting take-out, delivery and drive-thru; and a ban on evictions of residential and commercial tenants who cannot pay rent due to financial impacts caused by COVID-19 — have been followed with a willing and generous spirit.

While we have previously taken strong action, now the City must adopt additional emergency measures to further limit the spread of COVID-19.

With this virus, we are safer at home.

Wherever feasible, City residents must isolate themselves in their residences, subject to certain exceptions provided below. This Order is given because, among other reasons, the COVID-19 virus can spread easily from person to person and it is physically causing property loss or damage due to its tendency to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

Under the provisions of Section 231(i) of the Los Angeles City Charter and Chapter 3, Section 8.27 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property in the City of Los Angeles, effective on Friday, April, 10, 2020 at 11:59 PM:

1. Subject only to the exceptions outlined in this Paragraph and Paragraph 5 below, all persons living within the City of Los Angeles are hereby ordered to remain in their homes. Residents of the City of Los Angeles who are experiencing homelessness are exempt from this requirement. The City is working, along with partner government agencies and non-governmental organizations, to make more emergency shelters available for the unhoused residents of our City. City of Los Angeles officials and contracted partners responsible for homelessness outreach shall make every reasonable effort to persuade such residents to accept, if offered, temporary housing or shelter, as the Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles recommends that sheltering individuals will assist in reducing the spread of the virus and will protect the individual from potential exposure by allowing the individual access to sanitation tools. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

2. Subject only to the exceptions outlined in this Paragraph and Paragraph 5 below, all businesses within the City of Los Angeles are ordered to cease operations that require in-person attendance by workers at a workplace (including, without limitation, indoor malls and indoor shopping centers, including all stores except for those stores considered essential activities or infrastructure under this Order which are directly accessible to the public from the exterior of the mall or shopping center - the interior of the indoor mall or indoor shopping center shall remain closed to the public). To the extent that business operations may be maintained by telecommuting or other remote means, while allowing all individuals to maintain shelter in their residences, this Order shall not apply to limit such business activities. A business that fails to cease operation despite not meeting an exception in this Paragraph or Paragraph 5 may be subject to having its water and power services shut off by the Department of Water and Power for not being in compliance with the Order. The Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, or his written designee, may, after engagement with and a written warning issued to a noncompliant business, refer that business in writing to the Department of Water and Power to shut off water and power services pursuant to this order. Upon receiving such a written referral, the Department of Water & Power is authorized to shut off water and power services to the noncompliant business operating in violation of the Order

3. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a residence are prohibited, except as to those exempted activities described in this Paragraph and Paragraph 5. This provision does not apply to gatherings within a single household or living unit.

4. All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited, subject to the exceptions in Paragraph 5.

5. Exceptions. People may lawfully leave their residence while this Order is in effect only to engage in the following activities:

~~(i) First 24 hour allowance. This Order shall not apply, for a 24-hour period following the effective date above, to allow employees and business owners to access to their workplaces to gather belongings or address other administrative needs, so long as social distancing requirements are followed. Such workplaces shall remain closed to the public in accordance with this Order.~~

(ii) Essential Activities. To engage in certain essential activities, including, without limitation, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, obtaining grocery items (including, without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, any other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences and other buildings) for their household or to deliver to others, or for legally mandated government purposes. In addition, any travel related to (a) providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons; (b) returning to one's place of residence from outside the City; (c) travelling to one's place of residence located outside the City; (d) compliance with an order of law enforcement or court shall be exempt from this Order; (e) legally mandated government purposes; or (f) attend a funeral with no more than 10 individuals present or manage after-death arrangements and burial. Persons engaging in these essential activities are required to maintain reasonable social distancing practices. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, not shaking hands and wearing a cloth face covering whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private places. Young children who are at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities are not required to wear a face covering.

(iii) Outdoor Activities. To engage in passive outdoor activity and recreation, provided that the individuals comply with social distancing requirements, including, without limitation, walking, running, cycling; use of scooters, roller skates, skateboards, or other personal mobility devices. All individuals engaging in outdoor activities, except for water activities, must wear a cloth face covering. Young children who are at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities are not required to wear a face covering. Golf is permitted; public and private courses (not including pro-shops or dine-in restaurants) may operate upon implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Golf Courses. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within childcare centers, shall be closed for all purposes. The City of Los Angeles, following the recommendations and directives of the County Department of Public Health, shall cancel its recreational and cultural programming and close ~~its beaches, public beach parking lots, beach access points, piers, park trails, trail heads, and park facilities.~~ Beaches are open for active recreation, including swimming,

surfing, running and walking; however, sunbathing, sitting, gatherings, youth camps, group sports and athletic competitions are not allowed. Parks shall remain open for recreational activities while practicing social distancing and shall follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Use of Public Trails.

“Recreation and cultural programming” refers to recreational and cultural activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, aquatics classes, instructional courses, and group sessions on City-owned and operated park land. “Park facilities,” which shall be closed to the public, refers to the City’s Department of Recreation and Parks facilities, including: skate parks, basketball courts, ~~tennis courts~~, volleyball courts, baseball fields, Venice Boardwalk (except as necessary to travel to an essential business), Runyon Canyon, Griffith Observatory, Travel Town, Griffith Park train rides and pony rides, the Cabrillo Marine Museum, Sherman Oaks Castle, EXPO Center, and aquatics facilities. Tennis and pickle ball courts, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, and bike parks may operate. Census Centers located at Recreation and Parks facilities may remain open, provided strict adherence to social distancing practices.

(iv) Work in Support of Essential Activities. To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.

(v) To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.

(vi) Emergency Personnel. All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors and others working for emergency services providers are categorically exempt from this Order.

(vii) Essential Activities Exempt. Certain business operations and activities are exempt from the provisions of this Order, on the grounds that they provide services that are recognized to be critical to the health and well-being of the City. These include:

(a) All healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical and scientific research, laboratories, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, veterinary care and pet day care providers (excluding pet grooming and training), mental and behavioral health providers, substance use providers, physical therapists and chiropractors, cannabis dispensaries, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers and suppliers. Healthcare operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.

(b) Grocery stores, water retailers, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, warehouse stores, food banks, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and medication supply (but not grooming or training), fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, and other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences. This includes stores that sell beer, wine, and liquor. However, the portions of liquor stores, wineries,

breweries and tap rooms that provide tastings to the public are closed. Certified farmers markets may operate only if they are able to obtain written approval from the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and only according to the guidelines and set forth by BSS.

(c) Agricultural and horticultural cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing.

(d) Organizations and businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless services agencies).

(e) Newspapers, television news, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism.

(f) Gas service stations, auto part supply, mobile auto repair operations, auto repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops that operate adjacent to or otherwise in connection with an used or retail auto dealership), bicycle repair shops and related facilities. Auto dealerships may open to the public, under the conditions required by and upon implementation of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Car Dealerships. Fully automated car washes or self-service car washes that require no personnel (other than to receive payment or help guide the driver to enter or leave the car wash) are permitted to operate.

(g) Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies, and pawn shops.

(h) Hardware and building supply stores, day labor centers, nurseries and horticulture wholesale distributors.

(i) Plumbers, electricians, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, day laborers, landscapers, gardeners, exterminators, property managers and leasing agents, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other essential activities discussed in this subsection.

(j) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, boxes and packaging, and post office boxes.

(k) Educational institutions -- including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities -- for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained.

(l) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers.

(m) Restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers, but only via delivery service, to be picked up, or drive-thru. For those establishments offering food pick-up options, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the queue for pick-up. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and carry out basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or any other gathering site. Cafeterias,

commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities are also exempt from this Order. Social distancing shall be maintained at a distance of at least six-feet away from others.

(n) Businesses that supply or provide storage for retail goods and products needed for people to work from home.

(o) Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support, services, or supplies necessary to operate, provided that strict social distancing is maintained. This section includes, without limitation, utility companies.

(p) Individuals and businesses that ship, truck, transport, or provide logistical support to deliver groceries, food, goods, or services directly to residences, or businesses engaged in essential activities or essential infrastructure.

(q) Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies, and other private transportation services providing transportation services necessary for essential activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order.

(r) Home-based care for disabled persons, seniors, adults, or children.

(s) Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals.

(t) Professional services, such as legal, leasing and real estate transactions, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership of housing, and when necessary to achieve compliance with legally mandated activities. Housing units and real property may be shown, provided that appointments and other residential viewings occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household or living unit and one individual showing the unit. However, such in-person visits are not permitted when a tenant occupant is still residing in the residence, unless the owner first obtains the tenant's written consent.

(u) Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:

(1) Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 10 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).

(2) Children shall not change from one group to another.

(3) If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.

(4) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

(v) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.

(w) Military/Defense Contractors/FFRDC (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers). For purposes of this Order, essential personnel may leave their residence to provide any service or perform any work deemed essential for national security including, without limitation, defense, intelligence, and aerospace development and manufacturing for the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and NASA and other federal government, and or United States Government departments and agencies. Essential personnel include prime, sub-prime,

and supplier contractor employees, at both the prime contract level and any supplier level at any tier, working on federal United States Government contracts, such as contracts for national intelligence and national security requirements.

(x) Businesses that manufacture retail goods.

(y) Retail stores may operate for delivery and/or curbside pick up only.

Businesses operating under this subsection may only permit employees to enter their stores; customers must remain outside the premises at all times; and inventory may not be stored or displayed outside of the store. These businesses must also adopt the County of Los Angeles Protocols for Retail Establishments Opening for Curbside Pickup.

(viii) Government Employees. This Order does not apply to employees of government agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Employees of the City of Los Angeles shall follow any current or future directives issued by the Mayor.

(ix) Essential Infrastructure. Individuals may leave their residences to provide any services or goods or perform any work necessary to to build, operate, maintain or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of public health operations, commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining; roads and highways, public transportation and rail; solid waste collection, removal, and recycling; flood control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, phone retail sales and servicing, and web-based services); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, to the extent possible.

(x) Non-Essential Businesses. Businesses regarded under this Order as “non-essential” may be permitted to conduct minimum basic operations including inventory, security, custodial services, payroll and employee benefits processing, and any reasonable activity designed to maximize the ability for its employees to work remotely from their homes. Any Non-Essential Businesses conducting minimum basic operations, as allowed for in the paragraph, shall keep its doors closed and locked to the public at all times and shall post a sign on its main entrances stating that the business is closed to the public.

6. Public Notice of Social Distancing Protocols for Certain Public-Facing Essential Businesses. The City of Los Angeles has adopted all safety protocols developed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health. All individuals, except young children at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities, engaging in the permitted activities described below must wear face coverings and adopt social

distancing requirements. All businesses described below must require workers and customers to wear face coverings and adopt the County Public Health protocols, which are available for download at <https://www.lamayor.org/COVID19Orders>. For relevant businesses, (i) the protocols notice must be posted at or near the entrance to the facility so that it is easily viewable by the public and employees; and (ii) copies of the protocols must be provided to each employee performing work at the facility; and (iii) the business must provide evidence of its implementation of the protocols to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand. The required protocols include:

a) The owner, manager, or operator of any business described in Paragraph 1 of the April 7, 2020 Worker Protection Order (Revised May 7, 2020), shall prepare and post by no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2020, a the County's Social Distancing Protocol for each of their facilities within the City of Los Angeles.

b) The owner, manager, or operator of any permitted retail business described in Paragraph 5 (vii)(y) of this Order must implement the County's Retail Establishment Protocols.

c) The owner, manager, or operator of any permitted auto dealer described in Paragraph 5 (vii)(f) of this Order must implement the County's Car Dealership Protocols.

d) The owner, manager, or operator of any permitted public and private golf courses described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must implement the County's Golf Courses Protocols.

e) All hikers and visitors of trails described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Trail Use Protocols.

f) All visitors to beaches described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Beach Protocols.

g) All visitors to bike parks described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Bike Park Protocols.

h) All visitors to community gardens described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Community Gardens Protocols.

i) All visitors to equestrian centers described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Equestrian Centers Protocols.

j) All visitors to model airplane areas described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Model Airplane Protocols.

k) All visitors to tennis and pickleball courts described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Tennis Pickleball Courts Protocols.



l) All operators and participants of substance use disorder and mental health support groups described in Paragraph 5(vii)(a) and (d) must adopt the County's Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Support Groups Protocols.

m) All outdoor shooting facilities described in Paragraph 5 (iii) of this Order must adopt the County's Outdoor Shooting Facility Protocols.

7. To the extent that this Order is in conflict with earlier Orders, this Order shall supersede the others.

8. Failure to comply with this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment. I hereby urge the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney to vigorously enforce this Order via Sections 8.77 and 8.78 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

9. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

This order shall be in place during the local emergency period, and it may be amended or rescinded as warranted according to local public health conditions.



Eric Garcetti, MAYOR

Dated: May 13, 2020 at Los Angeles, California

Time: 10:00pm

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